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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO POLAND: ENERGY COOPERATION

REF: (A) STATE 165672; (B) WARSAW 4462

1. NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE POLISH MINISTRY OF MINIFS AND POWER AND THE KOPPERS CORPORATION OF PITTSBURGH ON THE CONSTRUCTION IN POLAND OF AN APPROXIMATELY \$150-MILLION-COAL-GASIFICATION PLANT ARE PROCEEDING WELL. THE POLES EXPECT AN OFFER FROM KOPPERS BEFORE THE END OF AUGUST AND HAVE INDICATED THE KOPPERS STOCEK GASIFICATION TECHNOLOGY IS FAR SUPERIOR TO LURGI, THE ONLY COMPETITOR, FOR THIS CONTRACT. SINCE KOPPERS IS THE LEADING CONTENDER FOR THIS IMPORTANT CONTRACT, WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT A REFERENCE TO THIS BE MADE IN THE PROPOSED JOINT COMMUNIQUE (WARSAW 4463). WE SUGGEST THE DEPARTMENT CONTACT KOPPERS PITTSBURGH TO DETERMINE WHAT TYPE OF DOCUMENTATION CONCERNING THE CONTRACT, E.G., LETTER OF INTENT, MIGHT BE SIGNED DURING A POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.

2. UNDER THE OCTOBER 8, 1974, U.S.-POLISH AGREEMENT ON COAL RESEARCH COOPERATION, APPROXIMATELY \$8 MILLION EQUIVALENT WOULD BE CONTRIBUTED THIS YEAR BY ERDA, INTERIOR, AND EPA TO THE JOINT FUND TO START PROJECTS ON COAL CONVERSION, MHD, MINING TECHNOLOGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF COAL MINING AND UTILIZATION. THE POLISH MINISTRY OF MINING AND POWER INDICATES READINESS TO SIGN THESE CONTRACTS AT ANY TIME.

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CONTRACTS MIGHT BE SIGNED DURING A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT IF ERDA,

INTERIOR, AND EPA RECEIVE THEIR FY-76 SFCP APPROPRIATIONS IMMEDIATELY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING THE STATUS OF THE AGENCIES' APPROPRIATION REQUESTS AND WHETHER THEY CAN BE ACCELERATED IN THE LIGHT OF A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.

3. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDERWAY BETWEEN FMC AND THE MINISTRY OF MINING AND POWER FOR THE IMPORTATION OF POLISH LONG-WALL MINING TECHNOLOGY TO THE UNITED STATES, POSSIBLY UNDER AN ERDA DEMONSTRATION GRANT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT CONTACTING FMC TO DETERMINE STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH A VIEW TOWARD MAKING REFERENCE TO THIS DURING A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.
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